# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANDERSON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	CR. No. 8 22-43
	)	18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)
	)	18 U.S.C. § 2252A(b)(2)
	)	18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2)
VS.	)	18 U.S.C. § 2253
	)	28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)
	)	
MATTHEW LEON AROTIN	)	<u>INDICTMENT</u>

## COUNT 1

#### THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

On or about May 13, 2022, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, MATTHEW LEON AROTIN, did knowingly possess material that contained images of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), that involved a prepubescent minor, and which had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and which were produced using materials that had been mailed and shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in that he did possess an Alcatel Joy Tab 2 tablet and a TCL 5087Z cellular device on which were stored visual depictions of persons under the age of eighteen engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

## COUNT 2

#### THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about May 3, 2022, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, MATTHEW LEON AROTIN, did knowingly distribute visual depictions using a means and facility of interstate commerce and that had been transported in interstate commerce, and which contained materials which had been so transported by any means, including by computer, the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and which visual depiction was of such conduct.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2).

### COUNT 3

#### THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

On or about March 24, 2022, in the District of South Carolina, the Defendant, MATTHEW LEON AROTIN, did knowingly distribute visual depictions using a means and facility of interstate commerce and that had been transported in interstate commerce, and which contained materials which had been so transported by any means, including by computer, the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and which visual depiction was of such conduct.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2).

## **FORFEITURE**

### SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN:

Upon conviction for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a) and 2252A as charged in this Indictment, the Defendant, MATTHEW LEON AROTIN, shall forfeit to the United States his interest in:

- i. any visual depiction described in sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, or 2252A of chapter 110 of the United States Code, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in violation of chapter 110 of the United States Code:
- ii. any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offense; and,
- iii. any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offense, including, but not limited to:

# Forfeiture Judgment:

A sum of money equal to all proceeds the Defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from the offenses charged in this Indictment, and all interest and proceeds traceable thereto, and/or such sum that equals all property derived from or traceable to his violation of Title 18.

#### SUBSTITUTE ASSETS:

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the

### Defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. § 982(b)(1) to seek forfeiture of any other property of Defendant up to an amount equivalent to the value of the above-described forfeitable property;

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

> A TRUE **BILL**

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